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September 10, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor, State of California
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

**SUBJECT: SB 518 (LOWENTHAL) GRAYWATER STANDARDS FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS
REQUEST FOR SIGNATURE**

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The California Chamber of Commerce **REQUESTS** your **SIGNATURE** on **SB 518 (Lowenthal)**, which authorizes the California Building Standards Commission to develop and adopt gray water system building standards for commercial buildings.

Specifically, this measure will require the Building Standards Commission (BSC), as part of their next triennial update of the California Building Standards Code (CBSC), to develop and adopt graywater standards for indoor and outdoor applications in non-residential occupancies. It is important to note that this bill does not establish a state mandate requiring the installation of gray water systems in commercial buildings; it simply requires the CBSC to develop the minimum construction specification for graywater systems should a designer or building owner choose to install such a system.

This is similar to previous legislation, SB 1258 (Lowenthal) which directed the Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) to develop graywater standards for residential occupancies. Industry supported SB 1258 in 2008 and worked closely with HCD as that agency developed those graywater standards.

As HCD and the CBSC move forward with future iterations of the California Green Building Standards Code (CAL Green), it will be very important for industry to have access to uniform standards of compliance. SB 518 will provide industry with an alternative method of reducing water consumption in non-residential buildings, thus providing industry with increased design flexibility in meeting the mandatory provisions of CAL Green.

For these reasons, the California Chamber of Commerce **REQUESTS** your **SIGNATURE** on **SB 518 (Lowenthal)**.

Sincerely,

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cc: The Honorable Alan Lowenthal

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August 16, 2010

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Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

On behalf of the East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD), I respectfully request you sing SB 518 (Lowenthal). SB 518 would direct the California Building Standard Commission (BSC) to develop non-residential graywater standards. Once the BSC adopts its non-residential graywater standards, SB 518 would terminate the authority of the Department of Water Resources to develop non-residential graywater standards.

In adopting non-residential graywater standards, SB 518 would require BSC to consider the residential standards recently developed by the Department of Housing and Community Development as well as any potential water quality, environmental, and human health impacts that may be associated with the use of graywater. SB 518 would not interfere with the ability of local entities to adopt more restrictive local standards.

The statewide non-residential graywater standards that would be developed under SB 518 would promote the expanded use of graywater and help further reduce demands on potable water supplies. This would assist the state and local agencies in achieving their specific water conservation goals.

I am available to answer any questions you may have concerning EBMUD's position on SB 518 and may be reached at (916) 443-6948.

Sincerely,


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cc: Senator Alan Lowenthal



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August 17, 2010

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building, 1st Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: Senate Bill 518 (Lowenthal) – Building Standards: Graywater
Position: SUPPORT, & Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

I am writing to inform you of our support for Senate Bill 518 (Lowenthal) and urge you to sign it into law. This bill will require the California Building Standards Commission (CBSC) to adopt building standards for the use of graywater in nonresidential occupancies in California.

GreenPlumbersUSA is a national training and accreditation program that assists plumbers in understanding their role in promoting public health and protecting the environment. The program was first started in Australia by the Master Plumbers' and Mechanical Services Associates of Australia. The program was encouraged by the Australian government who understood the importance of involving plumbers in the efforts by the government to deal with the continuing water shortages facing their country. The program has since been adopted in the United States to make plumbers part of the solution rather than part of the problem of global warming and its impact on climate change and water supply.

We supported SB 1258 (Lowenthal), which you signed into law in 2008, and took the first step towards revisiting the issue of graywater and its regulation. This measure builds upon the success of the adoption of regulations for residential buildings from SB 1258 and extends the same opportunity to review graywater standards to nonresidential buildings. We feel that any effort to support the use of graywater as a way of addressing our water shortages in California must start with the development of sensible regulations that protect the public without blocking the reuse of graywater.

For these reasons, we support SB 518 and feel it will help California reach its goal to reduce water usage by 2020.

Yours truly,

Stephen Lehtonen, CEO
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cc: Senator Alan Lowenthal
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September 09, 2010

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
Governor of California
California State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 518 (Lowenthal) Building Standards: Graywater – Request for Signature

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

The Planning and Conservation League requests your support of Senate Bill 518 (Lowenthal) which would facilitate California's use of cost-effective graywater supplies while protecting local water quality and meeting safe and consistent public health standards. SB 518 would require the Building Standards Commission (BSC) to adopt standards for the construction, installation, or alteration of graywater systems for indoor and outdoor uses in non-residential occupancies as part of their next triennial edition of the California Building Standards Code. This bill will encourage water conservation by facilitating greater reuse of graywater in California.

Graywater (which includes wastewater from bathtubs, showers, sinks, and washing machines) is a cost-effective and reliable source of water that can help California meet its water supply needs. Investments in graywater can also lighten the load on local water treatment facilities by reducing the inefficient use of potable water for end uses (such as irrigation or toilet-flushing) that do not require potable water quality.

This bill will remove obstacles to the development of this valuable water resource while continuing to protect public health. For these reasons, the Planning and Conservation League respectfully requests your signature on SB 518.

Sincerely,

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